

ICRISAT HAPPY WITH HOPE2 PROJECT PROGRESS IN UGANDA

During a back stopping visit for the HOPE2 project, Dr. Erick Manyasa and Dr. Hamado Tapsoba officials from the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics- ICRISAT Nairobi visited the project implementing partner in Uganda and expressed content with the project progress so far.

Dr. Manyasa had met with the project team at the National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute- Serere

“I am impressed by the project progress so far despite the late release of funds, am happy that the work plans are on course and some variety testing fields on-farm and on-station are doing so well” Said Dr Erick Manyasa the outgoing acting project coordinator.

Over five project sites were visited in Serere, Kumi and Mayuge districts in eastern Uganda.

The visit was also to introduce the substantial project coordinator Dr. Hamado Tapsoba taking over from Dr Erick Manyasa who now settles as the contact person for sorghum activities under HOPE2. and also review the ongoing activities.

The visitors applauded the team of NaSARRI scientists for their commitment adding that they are optimistic the project will be success by the end of the five years

HOPE2 project focuses on developing high yielding finger millet and Sorghum varieties resistant drought and diseases, improve seed delivery systems and access by farmers to new varieties and also increase their adoption.